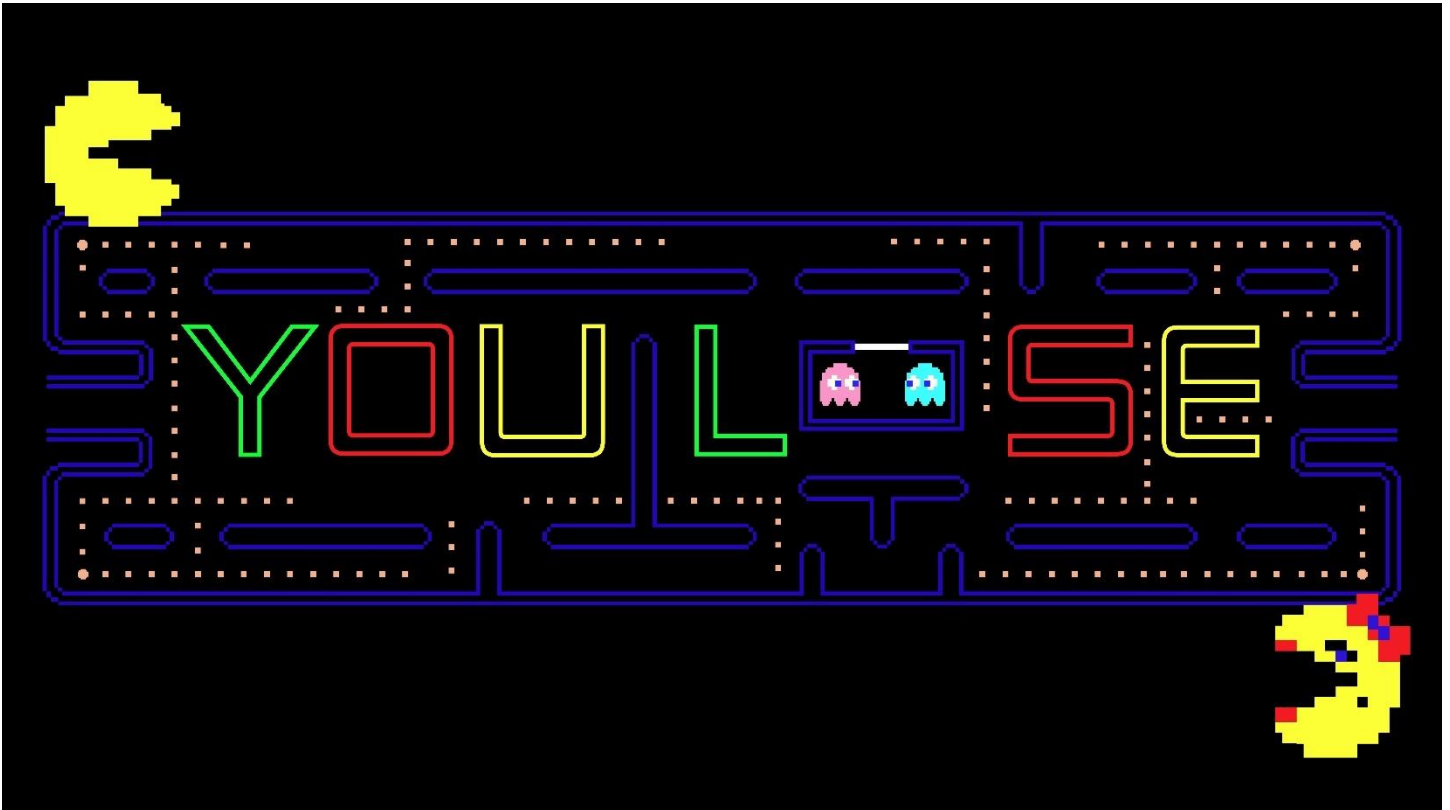


HERE COMES THE BRIDE



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SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of March 10, 2019

Eph 5:21- 24

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This weekend we were reminded that Christians are called to submit to each other. What does submission look like in the husband-wife relationship?
- 2 Why does Paul address the husband-wife relationship instead of other relationships when discussing the importance of submission?
- 3 What can happen if one spouse does not fulfill their role in the marriage? How should you respond when you are the spouse who is fulfilling your role?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 1 **Eph 5:18b-21, ESV** – ¹⁸ but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Phil 2:3-7, ESV – ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

What is the connection between verse 18 and verse 21 in chapter 5 of Ephesians? Why is this important to studying the remainder of Ephesians 5?

Looking at the passages above and your notes, what does Paul mean when he talks about submission? How is this different from the way submission is perceived in modern culture?

Paul shows us that all human relationships find their meaning and ordered expression under the authority of Christ and His example of submission. In what ways have you willingly submitted and served others?

The most vital of these relationships are those in the family. In what ways have you willingly submitted and served your spouse?

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Col 3:18-19, 23, ESV – ¹⁸ *Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.* ¹⁹ *Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.* ²³ *Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.*

When reading passages about the roles of wives and husbands, we see that the focus is on their duties and not their rights. Why is this significant in light of Ephesians 5:21?

How is this understanding of duties and rights a stark contrast to current cultural views?

Paul teaches there must be an order and unity in the Christian family. The responsibility of leadership is that of the husband, while the responsibility of submitting is that of the wife. Both responsibilities should be done “as is fitting in the Lord,” or “as to the Lord.” Why is this additional phrase so important when discussing these different responsibilities?

Both wives and husbands have equal worth in the sight of God, but each must wholeheartedly fulfill their different roles in the family, to create a place where the peace, harmony, love, and discipline of Christ are most fully manifested. Why is it so difficult for husbands and wives to fulfill these duties?

How does the husband-wife relationship reflect Christ's relationship with the Church? Why is this important for our testimony to unbelievers?

TAKING IT HOME

Husbands are called to love their wives as Christ loves the Church. Husbands, how have you been doing this well? How have you not been doing this well? What are your next steps to fulfill your role as a husband? Share what God is teaching you with an accountability partner and pray together.

Wives are called to submit to their husbands as is fitting in the Lord. Wives, how have you been doing this well? How have you not been doing this well? What are your next steps to fulfill your role as a wife? Share what God is teaching you with an accountability partner and pray together.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Mark 10:45

1 Peter 2:17-3:7

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